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JOHN A. McCONE was named by Kennedy to succeed intelligence chief **Allen Dulles**.

McCone, 59 years old, was chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission from 1958 until Kennedy took office last January. He will formally take over as head of the Central Intelligence Agency in November. The appointment was announced by the President at his vacation White House headquarters in Newport, R.I.

Kennedy said Dulles, 68, has agreed to serve as consultant on intelligence matters. Dulles has been chief of the CIA for 10 years. McCone, a lifelong Republican, has the backing of GOP leaders. Two leading Democratic Senators, Symington of Missouri and Anderson of New Mexico, also were strong advocates of McCone's selection.

It is thought the appointment will help keep the CIA from being a major target of conservative Republicans who have been increasingly critical of the Administration's conduct of foreign policy.